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16 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Blanket Waivers

REFERENCE: Attached Staff Study, Subject as Above

1. I concur in recommendations 5-b and 5-c of the attached paper.
2. I do not concur in recommendation 5-a which provides that the Director consult with the DD/S prior to approving any request for a blanket waiver.
3. In addition, it is felt that the statement made without further elaboration in paragraph 2 of the attached study that in 1954 over half of the projects operating under blanket waivers fell under a single organizational component, the CI Staff, may convey an erroneous impression. It should be noted that:
  - a. The Special Projects Division of the CI Staff was established for the primary purpose of handling highly sensitive projects approved by you.
  - b. In order to carry out such projects and preserve the requisite high degree of security, it is necessary
- c.  data and documentation are always available for examination by appropriate officials upon demand.
4. It is my belief that you should have the right to authorize blanket waivers for highly sensitive projects and that you determine in each case whether to consult with the DD/S on the desirability of participation by individual support elements.

Attachment

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Richard Helms  
Acting Deputy Director (Plans)

cc: DD/S - no att.

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